sctor to generate power in view of shortage of power all over the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The policy regarding power generation is regulated by the Industrial Policy Resolution, 1956 which contemplates that the future development of generation and distribution of electricity is the exclusive responsibility of the State. The Resolution does not preclude the expansion of existing privately owned units or the possibility of the State securing the cooperation of private enterprise in the establishment of new units, when the national interest so requires.

Telecommunication network with CIL

1248. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Limited (CIL) has developed its own telecommunication network for achieving planned objectives and ensuring constant monitoring; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Coal India Limited (CIL) has initiated action for developing a Telecommunication system for the CIL (Headquarters) and its subsidiaries. This envisages a surface telecommunication and satellite communication project. The surface telecommunication project comprises of activities like installation of T-43 exchange, (10 plus 50) PBX exchanges, P&T lines etc. This is proposed to be done in phases. In the first phase a capital cost of Rs. 235 lakhs is estimated for the surface telecom scheme. For the satellite communication, the scheme is for ten stations in the first phase. The satellite stations will have facility to provide a normal speech and a data channel from CIL headquarters. Cost of the project is estimated at Rs. 10 crores.

World bank loan for rural electrification

1249. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total assistance given by the World Bank so far for rural electrification programme in the country;

(b) what is the percentage of this assistance given to each State;

(c) whether it has been ensured that the States have utilised the World Bank assistance for the purpose for which it was given; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The World Bank has so far provided 375.619 million U. S. Dollars as assistance for rural electrification programme in the country.

(b) A statement indicating the percentage of the total World Bank loan assistance given to each State is enclosed (*See* below).

(c) and (d) To ensure the utilisation of the World Bank assistance provided to the States for the rural electrification programme, monitoring is done by Rural Electrification Corporation regularly and by the World Bank from time to time.